



# Community Connection

*Village of Canal Winchester, Summer 2010*

## Developing Canal Winchester

Like other communities, Canal Winchester relies on new and existing businesses to help support our schools, city services and more through tax revenues, jobs and essential services. Attracting new businesses remains crucial to the vitality of Canal Winchester and several organizations work together to make it happen. Much of this work is done well in advance of a company opening its door for business. Here's a look behind the scenes at what goes into bringing a new company to Canal Winchester.

"We want small businesses that mesh with the people, environment and feel of our village," shared Development Director Chris Strayer, explaining how the village targets specific businesses and industries. "Canal Winchester is a great place for businesses and it's our job to let them know that."

Strayer has gone around the country reaching out to companies that meet specific criteria. For example, the village looks for companies that provide jobs that match the skills of Canal Winchester's workforce and that won't cause too much congestion, noise disruption or harm the environment. The village also works to attract a diverse set of businesses so that the village isn't

too reliant on one specific industry. This helps to keep Canal Winchester safe in the event that a particular industry falls on tough times.

With the industrial park providing great land and opportunity for growth, a lot of the village's recent focus has been on attracting light industrial companies such as A.K. Athletic and Cook Legacy to Canal Winchester. These companies fit well with the overall development strategy for the village and exemplify some of the diversity within the industrial park. You can learn more about Cook Legacy and A.K. Athletic in the business highlights we'll be sharing inside this newsletter. Other types of businesses we're targeting include sit down dining, upscale shopping and professional and medical offices.

Village employees aren't the only ones hard at work improving the business climate around Canal Winchester. Main Street Canal Winchester, the Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce and the Gender Road Business Alliance as well as several regional organizations support business development around Canal Winchester.

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## Hello... From the Mayor

A slow economy and a blustery winter may have put a damper on development in several communities, but here in Canal Winchester we enjoyed a fruitful spring. The Diley Ridge Medical Center opened its doors in mid March and is now serving the area through its full service emergency center and 46,000 square-foot medical office building. Canal Winchester's skate park also opened in March to a crowd of anxious skaters. This group has already logged many hours enjoying the ramps and obstacles the new park offers.

Requests for residential and commercial building permits were up during the first quarter of 2010, hopefully showing a sign of economic turnaround. While I remain cautiously optimistic that we are on the road to financial recovery, we will continue to pay close attention to revenue and expenditures. You may have noticed that we have less seasonal staff helping to maintain our community this year, a direct result of necessary cuts to this year's budget to keep us in a positive financial standing. As we now have less hands to do many of the extras residents have grown accustomed to, I ask that as a citizen you do your part by helping to keep our community looking its best.

Speaking of maintaining the community, I'm happy to report that Canal Winchester was named a Tree City USA® community for the 17<sup>th</sup>

consecutive year. We have more than 20 percent tree canopy coverage in the village, with the goal of 25 percent in the future. These trees in bloom and the hanging flower baskets around town are always a clear indication to me that summer is arriving. I've also begun to see another telltale sign of summer: construction.

Many of the road improvements outlined in our 2010 Street Program are already underway. The 2010 Street Program includes updates on Old Creek Road between Dietz Drive and Gender Road, E. Hocking Street between High Street and the Fairfield County line, Washington Street between W. Waterloo Street and the Walnut Creek bridge, section 3 of the Villages at Westchester (Fox Hill Drive, Hemmingford Drive, Braeswick Court, Eddelston Court and Stretton Place), and section 2 of Winchester Village



(Sarwil Drive N., Chesterville Court and Windward Court).

More information about the 2010 Street Program, including details on road closures and dates, can be found on the village's website. In addition to the village's 2010 Street Program, the Ohio Department of Transportation has started minor pavement repairs and resurfacing of Gender Road from the overpass at State Route 33 to Lithopolis Road. This project is expected to be complete this summer, with traffic maintained in both directions throughout the improvement process.

Along with construction, summer also brings attention to ordinances such as the village's leash law, in place to help keep residents safe. More information about this and other ordinances can be found in the article on page 3. Please review this carefully to make sure you are not unintentionally violating one of these laws.

It's sure to be another fun and interesting summer in Canal Winchester. I hope you'll take the time to enjoy it with me!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Ebert". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael Ebert  
Mayor

## Developing Canal Winchester (continued from cover)

The Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce is an organization of civic-minded professionals that keeps the diverse businesses around town networked to the community. This group also advocates for local business interests and promotes a strong business environment. Main Street Canal Winchester, part of Heritage Ohio, helps maintain the

vitality of Canal Winchester's downtown, aiding in the rehabilitation of buildings and supporting several special events in the area. The Gender Road Business Alliance focuses on the Gender Road area, also sponsoring events and promoting the offerings of this business district to neighboring areas.

With so many people and organizations aiding in the development of our village, we're sure to keep finding ways to grow responsibly. We're not just "business as usual" here in Canal Winchester!

## A Glance at Some Commonly Violated Ordinances

An ordinance is a law passed by a municipal government. As our municipality's legislative body, Canal Winchester's Village Council has the authority to create ordinances for the Village of Canal Winchester. While within the village's corporation limits, the public is required to follow the ordinances passed by our Village Council.

Mayor Ebert's message briefly mentioned Canal Winchester's leash law (ordinance 505.01), which requires dog owners to keep their pet leashed whenever it is not confined to the owner's property. The village often receives complaints about violations of this ordinance from residents as well as other ordinances that have to do with pets. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to make sure you are following all pet-related ordinances set forth by Village Council.

In addition to ordinance violations commonly reported by residents, there are several ordinances that can cause damage to village property and the environment or hamper village operations when violated, including:

- Dumping construction and landscaping material of any kind into the roadway. This includes soil, mulch, aggregate, pavers and other materials.
- Placing or storing moving PODS and storage containers in the right-of-way, which includes sidewalks and driveway approaches.
- Flushing inappropriate items into the sanitary sewer system. This includes prescription drugs, which can pollute rivers and streams, and "flushable wipes," which can clog pipes.
- Securing signs and advertisements to village stop signs, street light poles and warning signs, which

often causes damage to these fixtures when removed.

- Blocking manhole covers, which restricts access for village staff who may need to access village systems through these entry points.
- Allowing grass clippings to blow into street gutters and flow into storm sewers. This presents a potential blockage problem, which could result in street flooding.

Violation of a village ordinance may be a first, second, third, fourth degree or minor misdemeanor. If you believe someone is in violation of an ordinance, you may contact the village's Sheriff's office at 614-837-7478 to have it enforced. The entire book of codified ordinances for the village may be viewed in person at 36 S. High Street or online at <http://www.conwaygreene.com/CanalWinchester.htm>.

## Ohio Historical Marker Dedicated at Canal Winchester's Interurban Depot



On May 21, the Interurban Depot in downtown Canal Winchester was recognized by the Ohio Historical Society and honored with a historical marker. These markers are not uncommon around the Village of Canal Winchester, but the story behind this particular marker may be more unique than you think.

Members of the community, media and village staff joined representatives from the Ohio Historical Society, Main Street Canal Winchester, Scioto Valley Traction Company and special guest

speakers George William Boving and Dorothy Boving Hockman in celebration for the unveiling of this Historical Marker. Remarks were made about the history of the marker program, the significance of the Interurban station and the restoration and future use of the building. During the event the Bovings, child passengers from the last run, also recalled their experience on the train and shared memories from their adventure 80 years ago.

The Interurban Depot was a passenger and freight train terminal constructed by the Scioto Valley Traction Company in 1905. This electric railway linked Canal Winchester with neighboring municipalities in central Ohio and was commonly known as "The Interurban." Before improved roads and affordable automobiles rendered this system obsolete, trains could transport passengers as far north as Columbus and as far southwest as Chillicothe. Interurban trolley cars were not only convenient, but quick. Direct current

from the "third rail" provided power to the train and allowed the car to reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. The Village of Canal Winchester purchased the building from the South Central Power Company in 2002, when their offices were vacated. This was done with hopes of pursuing a "historic rehabilitation" in order to bring the building back to use for the residents of Canal Winchester. Phase I, restoration of the exterior, is complete and will be followed by a renovation of the interior sometime in the future. The restored Interurban Depot is eventually expected to house public conference space.





## Summer Events in Canal Winchester



The Village is alive with the sound of music this summer and everyone is invited to attend! From Music & Art in the Park to the Labor Day festival, there is an event this summer sure to please everyone. Canal Winchester will be the place to see and be seen throughout the upcoming months at events like the Farmer's Market hosted by Main Street Canal Winchester and the Taste of Canal Winchester hosted by the Gender Road Business Alliance. Our events calendar is full of unique and family-friendly happenings.

### **Music & Art in the Park**

*Stradley Place in Historic Downtown Canal Winchester*

*May 21, June 18 and July 16*

Canal Winchester's 2010 Music & Art in the Park summer concert series kicked off on Friday, May 21 with dancers from Studio C and '70s cover band Agent 99. A magician, balloon animals by Miss Dee the clown and live art demonstrations from local artist Robert Warren and his art student also entertained the crowd. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate for the event and it had to be moved indoors to the community center. Hopefully we'll have better luck for the rest of the concert series!

Music & Art in the Park will continue on June 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Stradley Place. Island/Buffer style band, Fortune, will play live music

while children also enjoy a roaming juggler, balloon animals by Miss Dee the clown and bounce houses. In addition to music and activities, the Canal Winchester Art Guild will be onsite with displays and live art demonstrations.

The remaining Music & Art in the Park event will be held on July 16, and will conclude with a cruise-in and '60s/'70s band, the Gas Pump Jockeys. A caricature artist and an airbrush tattoo artist will offer free drawings and body design during July's concert. This event will also include participation from the Canal Winchester Art Guild.

Registration for the July 16 cruise-in will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the night of the event. Participants may pre-register by emailing [dmays@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:dmays@canalwinchesterohio.gov). There will be several awards handed out at the event, including People's Choice, Mayor's Choice, Band's Choice, Sponsor's Choice and Farthest Traveled. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 registrants.

Music & Art in the Park is a free concert series held at Stradley Place the third Friday of the month during May, June and July. Stradley Place is located just north of the village's municipal building at 36 S. High Street in historic downtown Canal Winchester. Canal Winchester's community center, located at 22 S.

Trine Street, will be used as an alternate location for all Music & Art in the Park events in the case of inclement weather. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Refreshments such as Philly cheese steaks, French fries, funnel cakes and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase during the events.

### **Farmer's Market**

*Stradley Place in Historic Downtown Canal Winchester*

*Saturdays, May 22 – August 28 and  
Wednesdays, July 7 – August 25*



Treat your family to the pleasures of locally grown produce, locally made goods and local services at the Canal Winchester Farmer's Market this summer. Whether you want fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs or baked goods, you're sure to find something yummy at Main Street Canal Winchester's Farmers' Market. The market runs from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, May 22 through August 28, with the exception of the first Saturday in August when the Blues & Ribfest will be held downtown. The market is also open Wednesdays, July 7 through August 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



All net proceeds from the Farmer's Market go directly to the growth and enhancement of Main Street Canal Winchester's core programs. By buying local at the market, you can help keep the authentic small town market tradition alive. For more information about the Farmers' Market, including dates and hours for the Fall Harvest Market, visit [www.mainstreetcanalwinchester.org](http://www.mainstreetcanalwinchester.org).

**Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest**  
*Historic Downtown Canal Winchester*  
 August 6 and 7



Main Street Canal Winchester will host the Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest this summer in historic downtown Canal Winchester. The event will take place from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Friday, August 6 and 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. Admission is free.

Join in and enjoy a two day summer street celebration featuring world-class ribs, a variety of quality non-rib food options, locally crafted items/art, children's activities and a beer garden for our blues and rib-loving friends 21 and over. Two stages host the event's entertainment featuring a full catalog of live music from over 15 bands. For a list of vendors, bands, 2009 rib winners or sponsorship opportunities visit [www.bluesandribfest.com](http://www.bluesandribfest.com).



**Labor Day Festival**  
*Historic Downtown Canal Winchester*  
 September 4, 5 and 6

The Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival is our communities largest and longest running event. What began in 1920 as a small gathering is now a local tradition that attracts thousands of visitors each year. This year's event will include many of the festivals mainstays, such as the annual cruise-in, the scholarship pageant and the popular Labor Day parade in addition to a variety of food and retail vendors. Several performers will entertain festival attendees throughout the weekend, featuring headliners British Invasion on Saturday, McGuffey Lane on Sunday and Gas Pump Jockeys on Monday. Log onto [www.cwlaborday.org](http://www.cwlaborday.org) for more information and a complete schedule of events.



**Canal Winchester**  
**Labor Day Festival**  
 September 4 - 6, 2010

## Did You Know?

In addition to the village's official Facebook page, we have "The Walnut Creek Report" page for sharing info regarding fishing, birding and hiking along the Walnut Creek in Fairfield, Franklin and Pickaway counties.

Your required to have utility lines marked before you dig. Call "811" before you dig: It's free and it's the law!

The village used approximately 8,000 gallons of brine solution to pre-treat streets, roughly 740 tons of rock salt and nearly 1,000 staff hours salting and plowing during this past winter's snow storms.

Village ordinance requires property owners to keep their grass height under eight inches.

## Dates to Remember

June 18	Music & Art in the Park
June 26	Taste of Canal
July 5	Village Offices Closed
July 16	Music & Art in the Park
Aug. 6-7	Blues & Ribfest
Sept. 4-6	Labor Day Festival
Sept. 6	Village Offices Closed
Oct. 28	Beggar's Night
Nov. 11	Village Offices Closed
Nov. 25-26	Village Offices Closed
Dec. 3-4	Christmas in the Village
Dec. 11	Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 24	Village Offices Closed



## Spotlight on Cook Legacy



*Above: Installation of the Coanda Screens for the Vancouver Olympics.*

Science and innovation are making a splash in Canal Pointe in ways that you may never have imagined thanks to Cook Legacy. Located at 8120 Howe Industrial Parkway, this company manufactures and designs water intake solutions used all over the globe. Cook Legacy has also been involved with some major innovations that provide environmentally-friendly power. At Whistler Creek, just outside

of Vancouver where the Winter Olympics were held, this small company from Canal Winchester engineered screens that provided green power for the Olympics.

Norris Screen and Manufacturing in Tazewell, Virginia heard about the ingenuity of Cook Legacy and asked for them to come up with a way to provide power to Vancouver without harming the environment. Cook Legacy set out to design Coanda Effect screens. These screens make power by slicing off the bottom layer of flowing water and diverting it to a turbine while allowing fish and debris to safely pass over the screen. The screen's name comes from the Coanda Effect, discovered by Romanian inventor, Henri Coanda. Coanda observed a fluid's tendency to follow a nearby curved surface if it isn't too sharp.

According to Ryan Cook, joint owner of Cook Legacy, the company was happy

to make Canal Winchester its home. "We evaluated ownership in Pickerington, Groveport, and Violet Township. We found that the combination of competitive cost through tax abatement, a supportive local chamber, and the village's development team made this an ideal location to grow our business," said Cook on why they choose to do business in the village.

Cook Legacy has been in Canal Winchester since September of 2008 and employs nine people. When they aren't coming up with innovative ways to power up the globe, Cook Legacy builds municipal and industrial water intake systems to address such problems as fish protection and encroachment from invasive species like zebra mussels. You can learn more about Cook Legacy at [www.waterscreen.com](http://www.waterscreen.com).

## Arbor Day at Indian Trail

Nearly a thousand students, teachers and faculty members at Indian Trail Elementary enjoyed the beautiful day on April 30 when village staff and the Street Tree Advisory Board (STAB) helped plant a Hackberry Tree at the school in honor of Arbor Day. Prior to the planting, Canal Winchester's Mayor Ebert read a proclamation declaring the celebration of Arbor Day.

Why a Hackberry Tree? "When we plant trees, we look 80 to 100 years in the future and Hackberry Trees are native trees that are very tolerant of heat and droughts in case of coming climate change," shared Dick Miller, Urban Forester for Canal Winchester.

Due to the abundant sunlight on that Friday afternoon, Miller was also able to illustrate several benefits trees provide, including shade. Miller explained how important trees are to the environment

to everyone at the celebration, adding, "Trees are our village's first defense against storm water because they catch, filter, and prevent rain water from getting into the drains."

In addition to planting the tree at Winchester Trail Elementary, STAB members designed bookmarks for all the students at the school. The bookmarks included information about Arbor Day and will be a nice keepsake to remind the children about the importance of trees. They also donated the book, "We Planted a Tree," to the Indian Trail library.

STAB is a five member panel of Canal Winchester residents who work to preserve, protect and enhance trees and plants throughout the village. The village has partnered with Canal Winchester schools through STAB since the early 1990s for Arbor Day.

The holiday of Arbor Day was created to celebrate the importance of trees to our environment. It was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, a journalist and Secretary for the Nebraska Territory, who was a big advocate of environmental stewardship.



## Water Shut-Off Service Available

Hotel reservations? Check. Airplane tickets? Check. Suitcases? Check. Water shut-off? Probably not. When traveling for an extended period of time, most are sure to double check their baggage and travel accommodations, babysitter, dog walker and even designate someone to collect the mail; but most do not think to call the Canal Winchester Division of Water to have their service disconnected for the duration of their vacation. Gary Schmitt, manager of the Canal Winchester Division of Water, shared some helpful tips to inform residents about this potentially expensive issue.

When vacating for the winter or going on a lengthy adventure, always remember to inform the water department of your departure. Shut off service is available, and is as simple as calling the Utility Billing Clerk at (614) 837-7716. Following this advice is extremely important to reduce water loss due to burst pipes, stuck toilets and leaking faucets. Giving a 48-hour notice is sufficient, and could potentially save hundreds on your next water bill.

## 11th Annual Free Tree Give Away

Many eager residents woke up early on May 1 for the chance to get a free tree during the village's 11<sup>th</sup> annual tree give away. People started lining the walkways at Stradley Place a full hour before the give away started, showing that the tree-friendly village event continues to be very popular among residents. New this year, the first 10 residents who signed a form agreeing to plant a tree in their front yard were allowed two trees.

According to Canal Winchester's Urban Forester Dick Miller, the village implemented the front yard tree program to encourage homeowners to plant trees in their front yards. The annual free tree give away and the new front yard tree program are part of the village's Street Tree Advisory Board's initiative to increase canopy coverage

According to Schmitt, not all leaks are visible and often come in the form of a running toilet. A toilet constantly using water is no different than a sink faucet left turned on. A stream of water 1/8 inch in diameter, running 24 hours a day for 90 days at a nominal pressure, will waste 296,000 gallons of water. This would cost you \$1,633.92 in water charges alone; sewer and other charges would be additional.

There is no cost for preventative shut off because this is an issue of safety for residents and is done as a courtesy. Upon request, water service is shut off at an outside curb box before any water enters your home. This can help you avoid any disasters, such as flooding, bursting pipes, mold development and freezing in your home.

Following this water shut off advice from the Canal Winchester Division of Water could help you prevent excessive water usage and avoid unforeseen hikes in your water bills.

throughout the community.

"Trees were given out on a first come basis, with all 100 trees gone within 25 minutes," Miller shared. The trees ranged in size from 18 inches to five feet with a variety of types, such as Sugarberry, American Beech and Bald Cypress.

The free tree giveaway started in 2000 and has grown since that time. The village currently has more than 21 percent canopy coverage, with the goal of reaching 25 percent. The village's tree canopy is its first defense against storm water, as the canopy catches, filters, and prevents rain water from overflowing drains. Trees also have well known benefits like preventing erosion, promoting clean air and providing shade from the sun.

## Spotlight on AK Athletic



When most people think of businesses in Canal Winchester, they think of the retail and dining establishments located along Gender Road. However, some of the largest companies in the village are some of the lesser known companies operating from the village's industrial park.

AK Athletic is one of several companies located in the Canal Pointe Industrial Park. AK Athletic set up operations in the village in late 2007, and has already expanded their warehouse space from 20,000 square feet to 25,000 square feet and now employs 17 people. Located at 8015 Howe Industrial Parkway, the company builds gym products such as wall padding, mats, and gymnasium curtains. Their products can be found all around the country, including popular presidential vacation spot Camp David.

AK Athletic President Kevin Murphy spoke about why he chose to locate in the village. According to Murphy, "Canal Winchester is a beautiful community and the village was able to offer the land at a more affordable price than most cities around Ohio."

While AK Athletic is a wholesale manufacturing company that typically works with retailers that distribute their products around the nation, people in our area have a unique opportunity. The public may order their products directly through AK Athletic and pick them up at their Canal Winchester facility without the middleman and shipping costs. To learn more, visit [www.akathletics.com](http://www.akathletics.com).



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Community Center ..... 614-837-8276

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